REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, 9, 12, 15-19, 22, 25, 28, 29, 32, 35, 36, 39, 42, 43, 46 and 49 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 15-18 are independent claims. By this Amendment, claims 20, 23, 30, 37, and 44 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 6, 9, 12, 15-18, 25, 28, 32, 35, 39, 42, 46 and 49 are amended. No new matter is added.

Information Disclosure Statements

Applicants respectfully request acknowledgement of receipt and consideration of the references submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 29, 2008.

Objection to the Specification

Claims 1, 6, 9, 12, 15-20, 22, 23, 25, 28-30, 32, 35-37, 39, 42-44, 46 and 49 are objected to for allegedly reciting subject matter not supported in the specification. As the claims are amended to overcome the objection, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 6, 9, 12, 15-19, 22, 23, 25, 28, 29, 32, 35, 36, 39, 42, 43, 46 and 49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,385,389 to Maruyama, et al. (Maruyama) in view of U.S. Patent Application 2001/0046371 to Ando, et al. (Ando). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Maruyama relates to an information recording medium that includes a first area (DA2) for storing picture data for forming a plurality of pictures, a second area

(DA21) which is included in the first area and stores control data of the picture data, and a third area (INFO1) which is included in the second area and stores specifying data for specifying the storage position of representative picture data for forming a representative picture in the plurality of pictures. In Maruyama a video title set program chain information table (VTS_PGCIT) controls the cell for presentation of data and the video object units (VOBU) in the cell are controlled by navigation pack (NV_PCK).

It is alleged in the Office Action that Maruyama discloses "at least one playitem and a sub-playitem" as the video object set for video title set, VTSTT_VOBS having video pack of initial VOBU and audio pack of second VOBU.

However, in Maruyama, presentation control information general information PCI_GI describes the logical block number (NV_PCK_LBN) of a navigation pack, the category (VOBU_CAT) of a video object unit (VOBU), user operation control (VOBU_UOP_CTL) of the video object unit (VOBU), the start presentation time (VOBU_S_PTM) of the video object unit (VOBU), the end presentation time (VOBU_E_PTM) of the video object unit (VOBU), the end presentation time (VOBU_SE_PTM) of the sequence end in the video object unit (VOBU), and a cell elapse time (C_ELTM). The start presentation time (VOBU_S_PTM) describes the start time of display (presentation) of the video object unit (VOBU) that includes the presentation control information (PCI). More specifically, this VOBU_S_PTM indicates the start display time of the first video (first picture) in the display order of the first GOP in the video object unit (VOBU). When the video object unit (VOBU) includes continuous video data, this VOBU_E_PTM indicates the end display time of the last video (last picture) in the display order of the last GOP in the video object unit (VOBU).

Thus, contrary to the rejected claims, Maruyama fails to disclose at least one playitem and at least one sub-playitem, the at least one playitem <u>indicating an in-</u>

point and an out-point that point to positions on a time axis of the first stream file for reproducing the at least one still image, the sub-playitem indicating an in-point and an out-point that point to positions on a time axis of the second stream file for reproducing the audio data, as recited in the amended claims. There is no in-point and out-point information in the video pack and audio pack of Maruyama.

Moreover, in Maruyama, the AV file (Figs. 27 and 28) includes the program set (PGC), Video Object (VOB), Video Object Unit (VOBU), and the NV Pack. Thus, in Maruyama, the NV Pack, audio pack and video pack are included in only one file. In contrast, the playlist file, including reproducing information of the data, is separate from the first and second stream files including the video data (e.g., at least one still image) and the audio data according to the claimed subject matter. Thus, Maruyama fails to disclose or suggest that the playlist and the stream files are separate.

The supplemental reference of Ando was alleged to disclose the progress of a slideshow from one still image to another. As that feature has been deleted from the pending claims, and because Ando is not alleged to disclose or suggest any of the features of the pending claims, the combination of references fails to render the rejected claims obvious.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of the claims in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited. Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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